

Your Friday Feature

Art in the City / Week 14

Flock of Finns, part 2



Yesterday we welcomed back the Flock of Finns after a year-long restoration. Mayor Fischer hosted a gathering at Waterfront Park, along with David Kareem, President of Waterfront Development Corporation, and Chris Radtke, representing the Commission on Public Art. Each speaker provided their recollections of Marvin Finn, whose woodcarvings inspired the Flock of

Finns installation created in 2000. Also present for the event was Louisville artist Melissa Wilson, who painted the steel birds in the unique style of Finn's carved and painted artworks.

Students from Lincoln Elementary Performing Arts School gave a report on Finn's life and artistic career, and performed "The Chicken Dance" in honor of the Flock's return. Afterwards they greeted and explored the Flock of Finns, their excitement and delight making the event a memorable experience for everyone in attendance.

The Steam Exchange brought their mobile screen printing shop, with an original design to commemorate the event. The Steam team generously assisted event attendees – children and adults alike – in creating a unique print as a keepsake.

Our thanks go out to the Lincoln students and teachers, the Steam Exchange, Waterfront Development Corporation team, and all of the Finn fans in attendance. Thank you for helping us welcome the Flock back to Louisville!

When you head out to Waterfront Park this weekend, be sure to visit the corner of Witherspoon and Preston Streets. The Flock looks Finn-tastic!!